Shiloh Church of Christ
Jefferson twp Sullivan Co IN

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Sullivan County Indiana

This History of Shilo Church is the property of My son Ralph
He got it from the author Mr Garret Miller an
acquaintence of his, but whom it was not my
privilege to meet as he was too young to be in
Shilo Church the short time that we lived close and
went there a period of about two years, 1905-1907
In that time I came to know about everyone
who ordinarly attended services on Sunday morning.
Quite a few were decendants Eli my grandfather
who passed away about 1890
My father Septimus and mother anna mason
woodward went into the Church at this time
neither had ever belonged to any congregation though
mothers folks were devout Methodists so mother
might have been baptised when a baby. If so I never
heard of it. My mother passed away just before we
left the Shilo community and Dad went to other
churches near our home near Carlisle Ind. He took
us children to church and three of five went into the
church of Christ at Paxton Ind. I did not become
affiliated with any church until after I was
married to Lillie Griffith. She was a member of
the Methodist Church and after a time I joined
and am still a member of the Carlisle A M E Church
This History of Shilo Church I would say is
of no great interest to folks who never went to
Shilo church, but it has many pleasant memories

to me. I think of a protracted meeting Bro. Frank Stiver preaching. It was scheduled for a week, but many young men and women kept joining so the meeting went on another week Every few days a baptising was conducted at a large pond a mile or more distant. The temperature was not far above freezing and I wondered how Bro. Stiver stood it

At the regular Sunday service here is some of the ones comes to mind. Uncle John H Pirtle Mrs Etta Lund. Frank and Linder Pirtle, also the Martin Tatbee Booker family the Shepherds Drivers and Wolfes. Might mention here a man name of Land who brought three little girls, Dont know if they were his or if they belonged to his second wife. He was divorced from his first wife and consequently was not highly regarded by others in the church, but he seemed to be pretty well educated and frequently made some very good talks

Mr Miller named Eli Woodward among the founders of Shilo this about the time Eli came to Indiana however one or two of his brothers Evan, Levi founder. on page 12 aunt Ella anderson said Eli was a founder Eli did not come to Indiana until about 1840 on page 11 it says Shilo number one was erected between 1850 and 1854, if so, Eli could have been one of the founders

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- DEDICATION -

To the sacred memories of our Christian forebears, this record is affectionately dedicated.

G. H. Miller
Robert L. Miller
Bertha F. Miller
1900

- SHILOH CHURCH OF CHRIST -

FOREWORD:

Having an affectionate compassion, and an inherited paternal love for the Shiloh Church of Christ and its many members, both living and deceased, I contend that it is both proper and fitting to record the deeds and events of this faithful congregation.

Only eternity has recorded the many good deeds, or the sorrow and heartaches that the faithful and serious members endured. Therefore, lest we, the living, forget, and that their memorial be perpetuated for an ensample and enlightenment to the generations that follow, this is recounted.

Garrett H. Miller

June 1960

For we know if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

2nd. Cor. 5:1

- SHILOH CHURCH OF CHRIST -

Pioneers who settled on Government land in the vicinity of the old Shiloh Church, in Sullivan County, Indiana, in Township seven (7) north, range eight (8) west, comprising northeast sections of Haddon and northwest sections of Jefferson Townships.

Section #24

Robert Bedwell	1836
Elijah Graham	1836
Levi Woodward	1840
Lewis Story	1836

Section #23

Stephen Shipman	1836
William Hoak	1839
David Bedwell	1839
John Shipman	1836
William J. Moore	1835

Section #22

Edwin Driver	1837
George Henry	1838
Nic. Shipman	1853
Henry Pirtle	1854

Section #21

Robert Sherman	1837
Jacob Pirtle	1836

Section #20

James Mason	1853
Jonathon Jones	1837

Section #28

Thomas Isbell	1836
George Smith	1831
Daniel Smith	1839
Absolom Sellers	1837
Elias Winbright	1836

Section #29

Francis Walters	1839
Jacob Becker	1837
Luke Walters	1839

Section #17

Eli Woodward	1856
Levi Woodward	1852
Steve Alambaugh	1836
John Simmons	1836

Section #18

William Pitcher	1839
James Love	1833

Section #15

James Driver	1844
Samuel Parks	1848
John Chambers	1853
Samuel Usrey	1850

Section #14

Robert Moore	1836
Samuel Dunn	1831
James Shipman	1839

Section #13

James Moore	1836
John Turley	1837
Jacob Turley	1837

Section #27

John T. Jackson	1839
Philip Pirtle	1853
Thomas Pirtle	1854
James D. Pirtle	1837
William Smith	1837
John Wolfe	1854

Section #30

Wm. J. Booker	1836
Jacob Boatman	1832
John Cowden	1818

Section #19 - John L. Wolfe, 1837; Martin Wilson, 1839; John Allsman, 1836; Richard Willis, 1839; William Cox, 1839.
Section #21 - Daniel Osborn, 1836; Thomas Gott, 1838.

- SHILOH CHURCH OF CHRIST -

Marital ties which helped to bind the Shiloh Community and families closer together:

John K. and Rachel C. (Woodward) Pirtle - Sept. 30, 1860
John and Mary Ann (Pirtle) Willis - Sept. 1, 1862
William and Nancy (Pirtle) Smith - Jan. 17, 1854
Philip and Deletha (Wolfe) Pirtle - Feb. 6, 1850
George W. and Ruth E. (Shipman) Pirtle - Jan. 1, 1857
James D. and Nancy J. (Chambers) Pirtle - Feb. 25, 1862
Henry W. and Margaret (Woodward) Bedwell - Nov. 25, 1860
William J. and Selissa A. (Woodward) Booker Sept. 10, 1857
James and Elizabeth (Boatman) Pirtle - Aug. 27, 1857
Thomas W. and Mary Ann (Wolfe) Pirtle - Sept. 14, 1851
Eli and Ruth E. (Shipman, Pirtle) Woodward - Apr. 17, 1864
Jacob and Louisa (Woodward) Pirtle - Oct. 15, 1863
John K. and EvaLine J. (Mason, Walters) Pirtle Apr. 6, 1892
John W. and Abba (Smith) Pirtle - July 24, 1855
William F. and Susanna (Pirtle) Smith - Feb. 18, 1863
James E. and Lanna (Osborn) Driver - Mar. 19, 1851
John and Nancy (Cowden) Chambers - Apr. 24, 1858
Francis and Sarah (Willis) Shepherd - Nov. 8, 1857
William and Clarinda (Pirtle) Boon - Nov. 9, 1869
John L. and America (Smith) Woodward - Feb. 1, 1870
George and Louisa (Walters) Usrey - Mar. 7, 1850
Thomas J. and Margaret (Woodward) Usrey - Aug. 28, 1860
Henry and Thursah (Woodward) Smith - Mar. 6, 1867
Henry and Elizabeth (Nash) Pirtle - Nov. 30, 1856
George and Rebecca (Wolf) Pirtle - Sept. 27, 1856
Harry and Sarah E. (Woodward) Poole - Jan. 24, 1889
Luke and Christena (Clayton, Booker) Walters - Apr. 26, 1905
Wm. and Sarah (Willis, Shepherd) Miller - Nov. 30, 1902
William F. and Sadie (Cooksie) Pirtle - Apr. 28, 1887
James D. and Rosse (Shore) Pirtle - Nov. 1, 1874
John and Hariet (Herndon) Driver - Feb. 11, 1875
Jacob and Sarah (Cooper) Miller - May 17, 1876
James and Evaline (Buck) Driver - Mar. 27, 1884
Marion and Fandora (Miller) Story - Jan. 10, 1884
Albert D. and Mary Alice (Pirtle) Miller - Jan. 23, 1879
James O. and Rose E. (Bennett) Pirtle - Mar. 6, 1907
James R. and Louiza J. (Hester) Robertson - Jan. 19, 1865
Edward and Clarinda (Booker) Shepherd - May 3, 1893
Daniel and Laura (Smith) Driver - Jul. 12, 1891
Benjamine and Anna Lee (Robertson) Figg - Dec. 3, 1885
Frank and Fannie A. (Moore) Miller - Nov. 16, 1892
Martin and May Belle (Robertson) Booker - Nov. 8, 1882
Frank and Maud (Miller) Chambers - Nov. 12, 1898
Coatney L. and Ira M. (Robertson) Walters - May 27, 1896
Francis and Sarah (Smith) Walters - Feb. 17, 1876
Thomas and Sarah Ann (Booker) Clayton - Jan. 13, 1870

Marital ties cont.:

Samuel and Caroline (Cowden) Walters	- May 31, 1860
David M. and Sarah (Badders) Chambers	- May 5, 1870
John and Elizabeth (Cowden) Booker	- Feb. 1, 1860
Jacob C. and Christena (Clayton) Booker	- Nov. 1, 1879
George and Elizabeth (Booker) Blakeman	- Apr. 22, 1869
Stanford and Tacy (Blakeman) Chambers	- Sept. 21, 1898
Isaac B. and Mary C. (Chambers) Moore	- Aug. 19, 1871
William H. and Maggie (Sherman) Booker	- Nov. 4, 1888
John W. and Mary (Booker) Carrico	- Jan. 8, 1885
Eli and May Belle (Shepherd) Clayton	- Apr. 23, 1890
Jesse G. and Sarah Jane (Pigg) Moore	- Sept. 11, 1866
John and Louvina A. (Walters) Shipman	- Jul. 1, 1886
Andrew J. and Ethel (Stanton) Moore	- Feb. 27, 1900
Elias and Elizabeth (Lassell) Moore	- Nov. 1, 1860
John and Henretta (Walters) Land	- Aug. 28, 1879
William and Alpha (Moore) Booker	- Sept. 5, 1894
William and Nancy J. (Moore) Chambers	- Apr. 6, 1870
Charles F. and Jenny May (Moore) Good	- Nov. 18, 1900
Philip U. and Elizabeth (Pigg) Neeley	- Dec. 5, 1846
Francis M. and Susan (Allsman) Walters	- Feb. 8, 1860
Francis and Jane (Mason) Walters	- Feb. 28, 1864
Luke and Mary J. (Neal) Walters	- Nov. 6, 1859
Jacob L. and Ida (Booker) Pirtle	- Mar. 4, 1900
Earnest E. and Edna (Driver) Robertson	- June 17, 1911
Frank and Effie (Booker) Blake	- Feb. 21, 1904
John T. and Clara M. (Robertson) Booker	- Apr. 19, 1909
Frank and Emma (Craigg) Morford	- Sept. 26, 1897
James E. and Harriet Edith (Miller, Figg	- Sept. 6, 1911
Sampson E. and Florence (Frakes) Walters	- Nov. 13, 1898
William and Stella (Carrico) Figg	- Oct. 17, 1915
Elmer H. and Mary (Clayton) Robertson	- May 19, 1901
William and Lorettie (Robertson, Clayton	- Dec. 3, 1903
Matisom and Ona M. (Shepherd) Bedwell	- Feb. 3, 1912
James and Effie (Walters) Robertson	- Nov. 8, 1903
Thomas and Grace M. (Shake) Robertson	- Sept. 29, 1907
Richard and Burthena (Woodward) Chambers	- July 18, 1873
James and Levena (Osborn) Driver	- Apr. 19, 1851
David H. and Zelpha (Osborn) Lund	- Mar. 28, 1859
James and Lanna (Osborn) Driver	- Apr. 19, 1857
William and Loretta (Walters) Lund	- Aug. 7, 1887
William P. and Sarah J. (Pirtle, Walters	- Nov. 10, 1863
John and Nancy Jane (Empson) Wolfe	- Jan. 24, 1856
Eli Linder and Eva (Wolfe) Pirtle	- Nov. 9, 1882
Perry and Margaret (Chambers) Empson	- May 24, 1834
Levi L. and Polly Ann (Empson) Woodward	-
HENRY AND EMMA (SWAGGY) MILLER (1894)	- AUG 18. 1892

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History of Sullivan County, Indiana. By W. J. Wolfe
A short history of the Shiloh Church. By "Uncle" Henry Bedwell
Virgil Good - Notes by his grandfather, Jesse G. Moore, whose father and grandfather attended the old Shiloh Church.
Remembrances from my father, Frank Miller, and my grandfather, William Miller, who helped to reorganize the church in 1883.
History of the Church Through the Ages. By Robert H. Brumback.
Financial statements of William Miller, Shiloh Church treasurer for more than twenty years.
James Robertson, financial statements of the new church building, in 1921.

Individual information:

Sarah Ellen (Woodward) Anderson, ninety years old in 1960, and the daughter of Eli and Ruth (Shipman; Woodward.
Edward Shepherd, eighty-four years old in 1960, the son of Francis and Sarah (Willis) Shepherd.
Ina M. (Robertson) Walters, eighty-three years old in 1960, the daughter of James R. and Louisa (Hester)Robertson.
Thomas Robertson, seventy-five years old in 1960, the son of James R. and Louisa (Hester) Robertson, and an elder in the Shiloh Church of Christ.
Dicey (Herndon) Shouse, seventy-five years old in 1960, and a granddaughter of Philip Pirtle.
Ernest Willis, seventy-five years old in 1960, a lifetime resident of the Shiloh community, and now resides on the old Philip Neeley farm.
Edna (Driver; Robertson, the granddaughter of James E. Driver, who was an elder of the old Shiloh Church.
James Otis Pirtle, seventy-five years old in 1960, the son of James D. and Rosse (Shore) Pirtle.
Cora (Walters) Poole, seventy-seven years old in 1960, the daughter of Coatney and Matilda (Deckard) Walters.
James E. Figg, sixty-nine years old in 1960, the son of Benjamine and Anna L. (Robertson) Figg.
Floyd Chambers, fifty years old in 1960, the son of Frank and Maud (Miller) Chambers.
Iva Viola (Miller)(Edds) Burdge, seventy-nine years old in 1960, the daughter of Albert and Alice (Pirtle) Miller.
Ode Booker, seventy-seven years old in 1960, the son of Martin and May Belle (Robertson) Booker.
Miss Leola Jones, Sullivan Daily Times office, a niece of Evaline J. (Aunt Jane) Pirtle.
Russel Pirtle, fifty-eight years old in 1960, the son of Eli Linder and Eva (Wolfe) Pirtle.

REMINISCENCES REGARDING SHILOH CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sullivan County, Indiana

By Stanford Chambers

My earliest attendance and experiences in church services were at Shiloh Church of Christ, Sullivan County, Indiana. My parents were members here at the time of my earliest recollections, also my grandparents on both sides. Besides these were many relatives. Here it was in 1894 that the gospel of Christ reached me, under the preaching of Bro. Elias G. Denny, when I yielded obedience to the will of the Savior and was buried with Him in baptism. At the same time, Tacy Jane Blakeman, now my wife, was also baptized, with a few others.

I remember quite well services held in the church building which stood at or near the cross roads near two miles east of the present building. It was a frame building with the entrance doors at the south end. I remember a "basket dinner" held there, the preacher being a Brother Quillen, then at or near Dugger. I remember that the song book then being used was "The Harp of Zion" of which I retain a copy. One song sung in the afternoon services was "Home of the Blest." Another was "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me".

That frame building soon after that event burned to the ground. A distant relative of my mother's was suspicioned as having set it on fire. At that time Shiloh was not without her troubles.

Before the church was housed in said frame building, it has been located in a building at the jog of the road north of the place now owned by Floyd Chambers, south and slightly west of where the present building now stands. I remember my mother speak of that first building, and it seems to me it was a log building. I recall being on the spot and seeing some brickbats and other signs that a building had once stood there. I have a slight impression that that building burned, but the impression may have no foundation in fact.

Following the burning of the frame building, services were held in the Pirtle schoolhouse, which was located on the opposite side of the road from where Floyd Chambers now lives. Uncle John Pirtle then lived there. At a morning service which I attended there with my mother, one of the two deacons, Brother Aaron Holder or Brother Frank Shepherd, father of Ed, waited on my Aunt Rachel Jane Pirtle and from some cause the dup was dropped into the lap of my Aunt Rachel Jane.

I was six years of age when the large brick building was constructed - on the foundation of which the present frame building stands. On entering the new brick house, the church changed song books, adopting "The New Christian Hymn and Tune Book". The old "Harp of Zion" was used now and then for a short while. Uncle John Pirtle was the song leader most often, though Bro. Holder often led, and sometimes Uncle Jacob Booker.

REMINISCENSES CONT. (S. Chambers)

Preachers frequently heard were Cauble, Quillen, Anderson Ward, Uncle Alex Engle, Uncle Ben Sherman, I. C. Stone, Uncle Johnny Boles, Uncle Tommy Wolfe, father of John Wolfe, the father of a number of boys, stepbrothers of Pearl and brother John (?).

Who the preacher was sho started the congregation originally, I never heard, but I surmise that he may have been "Uncle" Joe Wolfe of Sullivan, who held the Sullivan Church in the "old paths" as long as he lived, but which, soon after his death, introduced the organ into its services. Later on, at Shiloh, came Wm. Dugger, "Doc" McKinney, E. G. Denny who ministered there perhaps longer than any other one man. Then came others: E. B. Stivers, Joe Miller, "Dick" Shaw and others. Yes, J. W. Brown was the preacher for at least a year. I was then in my later teens. The regular preacher at the time the brick building was entered into was Anderson Ward. About that time a bolt of lightning struck the comb of the building at the east end and ran down the wall just behind the pulpit. I remember my mother saying, "What if Brother Ward had been in the pulpit at the time? I think it did not occur on Sunday.

The men serving as overseers of the congregation at the time of my earliest recollections were my Grandfather Eli Woodward and Bro. "Eckie" Driver. When my grandfather died, 1888, Bro. Driver said, "We may as well lock Shiloh up!" How good that he was mistaken. Afterward Uncle John Pirtle was appointed, also Francis Walters (son of Sampson Walters). His brother John was made a deacon. LatherJohn Driver was appointed elder, and after that I am without information.

For in the meantime a number of us five or more miles (a long distance in those days, especially in time of spring thaws) succeeded in getting some gospel meetings held at the Deckard school house, when a number were baptized, enough to form a right good-sized congregation, which was the beginning of what is now the Berea church. To the east of Shiloh, some Shiloh members, including my Uncle John Luther Woodward, Woodford Neal and some others, got some gospel meetings held at the Shields school house and a congregation was formed but which went down in the course of a few years. I did some of my early preaching there. Some of those brethren were afterwards instrumental in getting meetings started at the Atlas school house resulting in the establishing of the Atlas Church. Some other former members of Shiloh were a help in starting the Atlas Work. Atlas in turn was instrumental in starting the work at Linton, where we held several tent meetings which account for the present congregation in West Linton. Some Shiloh members then living in Linton became charter members of this Linton congregation.

REMINISCENCES CONT. (S. Chambers)

Growing out of the Atlas work came efforts at the Ellis school house in which we succeeded in starting the Ellis congregation. The Atlas mines played out and it became only a ghost town, and t the congregation went down. But it had to its credit both the Linton and the Ellis work, where its own members then found church homes so that their faithfulness and their labors proved not to have been in vain. In 1907, I went South, locating in New Orleans, from which point as a radiating center, we preached the gospel in a wide territory of destitute fields. The home-mission work carried on from the 7th and Camp Streets congregation in N. O. has about 30 congregations in South Louisiana to its credit. This, of course, is only distantly related to Shiloh.

Personnel coming to mind: Uncle Sampson Walters and wife, parents of Coatney (Elmer's father) John, Francis and "Sampy". "Uncle Jimmy Pirtle, and a whole tribe of Pirtles, the Woodward tribe, Leander, Geo. Wesley, besides my grandfather's connections, the Driver connections, the Millers, the Bookers, the Wolfes, the Bedwells, the Shepherds, the Holders, the Herndons, the Robertsons, other Walters families, Cross, Figg, Blake, Lund, Chambers, Carrico, Land, Gilmore, Willis, Gadburys, Harris, Walls, Shipmans, Bedwells, Lassel, Moore, "Guv." Smiths, Willingtons, other Smiths, Burges, and many others that I'll later be remembering. How many of them are waiting and watching for the rest in the grand family reunion to be held when our Lord returns for His own!

No, I'm not living in the past; our interests are all tied to the future, but I would not take anything for my memory, and I am not displeased at this occasion your letter affords me for these pleasant memories and reminiscences.

I'll be interested in what you are able to collate and put together the historic sketch of Shiloh, which will be good reading for those who come after you if our Lord should tarry.

In "That blessed hope",

S. C.

- SHILOH CHURCH OF CHRIST -

The Pioneer Meeting House:

Many times the pioneer Meeting house was used for a Community counsel center, school house and house of civil law, besides being the monument of faith, spiritual and moral guidance.

Every Christian desires to stand complete in the whole will of God. God has but one people on the earth. He has given to them but one Book, and therein exhorts and demands them to be one family, a union as it should be, a union of God's people on that one Book.

The Pilgrim Fathers - Where are they?
The waves that brought them o'er
Still roll in the bay, and throw their spray
As they break along the shore:
Still roll in the bay, as they rolled that day,
When the Mayflower moored below,
When the sea around was black with storms,
And white the shore with snow.

The Pilgrim spirit has not fled:
It walks in moon's broad light;
And it watches the bed of the glorious dead,
With the holy stars by night.
It watches the bed of the brave who have bled,
And shall guard the ice bound shore,
Till the waves of the bay, where the Mayflower lay,
Shall foam and freeze no more.

- Pierpoint

Appendage:

To those who are interested, a great amount of time in research has been consumed, and many persons were contacted in my effort to compile this record. No material has been used except that which was proven by two or more witnesses.

In attempting to record the history of the Shiloh Church of Christ, there is very little material to use except the hallowed memories of those sturdy Christian pioneers whom God has called to their rest in the grave.

The early settlers of Sullivan County, Indiana, showed much fortitude, by their endurance of great suffering and hardships in conquering the wilderness, and establishing a Christian community, federate in a nation of God-fearing men and women.

A great spirit of endurance was exhibited by the people of the early Shiloh Church of Christ, in their persistence to carry on. In their trials and tribulations, three meeting houses were destroyed by fire in a period of about twenty years.

Now he that hath wrought us for
the selfsame thing is God, who hath
given unto us the earnest of the
spirit.

2nd Cor. 5:5

- SHILOH CHURCH OF CHRIST -

The first Shiloh meeting house;

The first Shiloh meeting house as was described by Uncle Henry Bedwell, who lived in the Shiloh community and was a member of the Church of Christ:

SHILOH CHURCH HAS BEEN REBUILT FIVE TIMES SINCE 1854 AND HAS BEEN CONSUMED BY FIRE THREE TIMES

Shiloh No. I was built between 1850 and 1854 and was erected on what was known at that time as the Philip Neeley place. This church was organized by the Pirtles, Wolfes, Smiths, Woodwards, Shipmans, Osborns, and Drivers. Uncle Joe Wilson was among the first to preach from the pulpit, the first services being held before the floor was laid, the people using the sleepers for seats. This building was built from logs cut from the surrounding woods and was destroyed by fire about 1864.

Shiloh No. II was built in the year 1865 and was erected by J.W. Wolfard and W. N. Linderman. Mr. Wolfard is still living. This was a frame building and was built on the same ground as No. I and was destroyed by fire about 1869 or 1870. Among the preachers who preached in this building were: Anderson Ward, George Pirtle, Thomas Wolfe, Ben. Sherman, John Boles, and Jos. Wolfe.

Shiloh No.III was built about the year 1872, the name of the contractor being unknown. This building was erected about one half mile east of where the present building stands. This also was a frame building and was destroyed by fire in April 1882.

Shiloh No. IV was built in the fall of 1882 and was built on the same ground as the present building is on. The contractor for this structure was Bill Miller. This was a brick building and the brick used in its construction was made at Pleasantville, Indiana. Among the preachers were: Elias Denny, Johnny Boles, E. B. May, E. C. Richardson, Thomas Wolfe, Frank Stivers, and Dave Squires. This building was dismantled in 1921. The present frame building was built in September and October of 1921. The building committee was composed of the following: Ben Figg, E. L. Pirtle, John T. Booker, Jim Robertson and Henry Miller. J. L. Pirtle was contractor and builder of this church. Working on this structure were: Ira Abramsand Dick Abrams, brick masons. Others were: J. L. Pirtle, Opal Pirtle, Franklin Charley, John Booker, Jim Robertson, Claud Shake and Joe Bell.

The above history of the Shiloh Church was furnished by Uncle Henry Bedwell. In the corner stone which will be placed there, this history of the Shiloh Church will be recorded. (The above is a copy of a newspaper clipping found in the belongings of J. L. Pirtle.)

The founding date of the first Shiloh meeting house and the type of building of the second meeting house as described by Uncle Henry Bedwell are not in harmony with other records.

and information given by persons now living, whose relatives were active members in the old Shiloh Church.

Sister Ellen (Woodward) Anderson, who is ninety years old in 1960, and whose father, Eli Woodward, was amongst the founders of the first church, and served as an elder for many years, remembers hearing talk of the first log church that stood in the corner of a field on the Jacob Pirtle farm. Also, Thomas Robertson, a present elder of Shiloh and the son of Robert Robertson, remembers the older people telling of the first church being on the Pirtle farm, about three-quarters of a mile south west of the present church. Bro. Jesse G. Moore left a sketch describing the first Shiloh Church where his pioneer father and grandfather worshipped. Also, Miss Leola Jones, the niece of Aunt Jane Pirtle, and a member of the Sullivan Daily News staff, remembers her Aunt Jane and Uncle John K. Pirtle telling of the pioneer log church which stood on his father's farm.

The Shiloh neighborhood was settled between 1816 and 1837, and there is no doubt that these pioneer settlers erected a building in which to worship and possibly to use as a community center before 1850, when the first land was purchased from Wm. Jones for a Christian Church building.

(Jesse G. Moore's sketch of the first Shiloh Church congregation)

The Shiloh Church of Christ was organized about the year 1840, in Jefferson Township, Sullivan County, Indiana. The first meeting house was located three-quarters of a mile southwest of the present location. The house was built of logs with boards for a roof. Some of the preachers of the congregation were Joseph Wolfe, Joseph Wilson, George Pirtle and Anderson Ward. Some of the members of the congregation were Robert Moore and wife, James Shipman and wife, Jacob Pirtle and wife, Edwin Driver and wife, Daniel Alsman, George Pirtle, William Smith, the Osborn and Gott families. (This sketch is in possession of Thomas V. Robertson, an elder of the present Shiloh Church of Christ.)

Floyd Chambers, the present owner of the land where the first Shiloh Church was located, can remember his father, Frank Chambers talking about the old Shiloh log church and describing the place where it stood. This is the same land that was purchased from Congress by the pioneer settlers, Jacob Pirtle, Thomas Pirtle, and John T. Jackson, whose wife Mary was a sister to Jacob Pirtle. It is alleged that this church building was destroyed by fire and was replaced by another building in 1850 or 51

September 26, 1837. Recorded in Deed Book #11, Page 265, Sullivan County records: Indenture: In consideration of the sum of fifty (50) dollars, John T. and Mary Jackson convey to Jacob Pirtle, a parcel of land, described as the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section twenty-eight (28), township seven(7), N. range eight (8) west containing forty (40) acres

(It was in the northeast corner of this forty (40) acres that the first Shiloh Church stood.)

The second Shiloh Meeting House:

The second Shiloh meeting house was constructed of logs in the year 1850 or 1851. It was built about one-quarter of a mile north of the fist meeting house on the William Jones farm. This building was destroyed by fire about 1870.

Sullivan County Records, Recorder's Office, Book H, Page 278.

This indenture witnesseth; That we, William B. Jones and Elizabeth Jones, wife of Mr. Jones, in consideration of the sum of five (5) dollars paid by the Christian Church, give, grant, sell, bargain, and convey to said Church of Christ forever in fee simple, the following parcel of land, containing one (1) acre, situated in Sullivan County, Indiana. To wit; Lying in the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section twenty-two (22), township seven (7), range eight (8) west, Wabash and Erie Canal District, and we covenant with said Christian Church as foreowners, to wit that; that are lawfully signed and possessed in fee simple of said land or lot of land, that we have a good right to convey the same in fee simple that the same is free of our encumberances, that the said church shall forever quietly enjoy the same, and that we will forever warrant and defend the same against all claims in law or equity.

Witness our hand and seal this June 27, 1850

His
William X Jones (Seal)
Mark

Her
Elizabeth X Jones (Seal)
Mark

Before me, the undersigned, a justice of the peace, personally appeared William and Elizabeth Jones, and acknowledged the above indenture to be their voluntary act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal this June 27th, A.D. 1850.
Lewi Woodward, J.P.

Received and recorded July 10, 1850, at 10:00 o'clock.
J. H. Reed, R. S. C.

The farm, containing this plot of land, was sold by William Jones and wife, to James L. Postlewait, who later sold same to Philip Neeley, in 1857.

Postlewait indenture:

This indenture witnesseth that James Postlewait and Mary his wife, of the County of Crawford, and State of Illinois, in consideration of six hundred (600) Dollars lawful money, to us paid by Philip U. Neeley, of the county of Sullivan, and the State of Indiana, the receipt thereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby grant, bargain and sell, and convey to the said Philip U. Neeley, his heirs and assignees forever, the following real estate in Sullivan County, and State of Indiana, and described as follows, to wit: the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section twenty-one (21) in township seven (7), north range eight (8) west, containing forty (40) acres. more or less. Also, the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section twenty-two (22) in township seven (7), north, range eight (8) west, containing forty (40) A., more or less. (Excepting one square acre in the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section twenty-two (22) in township seven (7), range eight (8) west, containing one (1) square acre.) Together with all the appurtenances to the same belonging, to have and to hold the same together, said Philip U. Neeley, his heirs and assignees forever.

Witness their hand and seal, this 17th day of March, 1857.

Martin J. Fuller — James J. Postlewait (Seal)
J. P. State of Illinois — Mary Postlewait (Seal)

Received for recording the 26th day of January, 1858.
J. H. Reed, R. S. C., State of Indiana

Some of the families who worshipped in the second meeting house were the George Pirtles, John K. Pirtles, Carroll and Jacob Bookers, Eli Woodwards, William Smiths, Daniel Alsmans, William Moores, Levi and Haven Woodwards, Elias Moores, James Shipmans, Edwin Drivers, James E. Drivers, Philip Neeleys, Mack Alsmans, James Masons, William Pitchers, the Osborns, George Smiths, the Ferees, Francis Shepherds, Luke and Francis Walters, John Chambers, John Wolfes, John and Nicholas Shipmans and others

Some of the ministers who preached in Shiloh #2 were Joseph Wolfe, [redacted], George Pirtle, Benjamin Sherman, Anderson Ward, John Boles, A. P. Law, James L. Griffin and others All these took the Bible as their only creed or book of discipline, all believing in the divinity of Christ and Bible, rejecting all sectarian tenets and names for the church and its members. speaking where the Bible speaks, and remaining silent where it is silent.

There is no record of the burning of the second Shiloh meeting house, however it is stated by older people that it was struck by lightning. There is evidence in the ground where this building stood, in the southwest corner of a field on the Earnest Willis farm, one-half mile wouthwest of the present church house and at the south and east turns of the county road.

Innovations entering into the early day Church:

About 1868, innovations began to creep into the Christian or Disciples of Christ congregations in the midwestern states, having started in the eastern states and European countries in the early eighteen hundreds, such caused much confusion and the splitting of many congregations. These were the introduction of mechanical music, organized missionary societies, organized Sunday Schools, organized pastorates, organized Bible colleges, or human institutions doing the work of the church, and worldly methods of obtaining church contributions. All these were severely condemned by the sturdy elders and gospel ministers, and were contrary to the established teachings of the Apostles of the early Church of the New Testament, were also contrary to the principle which the men of the Restoration had established by the slogan, "We speak where the Bible speaks, and where the Bible is silent, we are silent."

The Third Shiloh Meeting House:

The third Shiloh meeting house was of frame construction, and was erected in 1874 and 1875 on the Tarwater farm, three-quarters of a mile east of the present church building. It had two doors in its front end and faced a T-road to the south. The dedication sermon was delivered February 2, 1875, by C. C. Parker.

Note: A record in the possession of Thomas V. Robertson.
On February 2, 1875, the church was set in order by Brother C. C. Parker, an evangelist of the Church of Christ, at 4:00 P.M.

Sullivan County Records, Recorder's Office, Book 37, Page 561.
This indenture witnesseth: that William Tarwater and Fredrick Tarwater of Sullivan County, state of Indiana, convey and warrant to the trustees for a meeting house Christian Church, Eli Woodward, Levi Woodward and Joseph Smith, trustees, of Sullivan County, in the State of Indiana, for the sum of twenty (20) dollars, the following real estate, in Sullivan County, in the State of Indiana. To wit: of the west half of the south west quarter of the northwest quarter in Section twenty-three (23) township seven (7) N. range eight (8) west, containing twenty (20) acres and one acre off the twenty at the southwest corner.

Fredrick Tarwater (Seal)
William Tarwater (Seal)

Before me, Richard Davidson, a Justice of the Peace, in and for said county, this 19th day of February, 1874. Fredrick Tarwater and William Tarwater.

Richard Davidson, J.P. (Seal)

The elders who led this congregation were James E. Driver and Eli Woodward.

New families joining the congregation in the third Shiloh meeting house were the Aaron Holders, John Walters, Tarwaters, James R. Robertsons, Leander Woodwards, William Millers and John W. Woodwards.

Ministers of the gospel who worked in this congregation were J. C. Parker, Brother Williams, William Elmore, John Boles, P. C. Cauble, Brother Price, David Engle and others.

Ironic as it may appear, the third Shiloh meeting house was destroyed by fire in the month of April, 1882, Prior to the building's destruction, disciplinary action had been taken with a certain member. Factionalism then arose and a few members withdrew from the regular assembly, and were meeting at a separate hour to the regular congregation.

After the fire, it was ascertained that the building had been purposely burned. A certain person's pocket knife was found where shavings had been cut to start the fire. The Bible had been removed and placed away from the building where it would not burn. Also, a man of questionable character was tracked by his boot print in the soft ground. James Pirtle had patched this man's boot and knew the print that it would make in the soft soil. A short while after the church building was burned this man moved out of the community.

It is evident that the people did not intend to live without a place to worship, and made plans to rebuild by acquiring the same site where their meeting house burned. However, it was decided, after waiting a few months and studying the matter more, not to rebuild in the same location, and thus to avoid further dissension.

Francis Shepherd et all
to
Eli Woodward, et all, Trustees of Christian Church.

This indenture witnesseth; that Francis Shepherd and Sarah Shepherd, his wife, and Wm. Tarwater and Fredrick Tarwater of Sullivan County, Indiana, convey and warrant to Eli Woodward, John K. Pirtle and Aaron Holder, as trustees of Shiloh Church, and to their successors in office in Sullivan County, in the state of Indiana for the sum of twenty (20) dollars, the following real estate in Sullivan County, in the state of Indiana. To wit: one (1) acre in the southwest corner of the west half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section twenty-three (23) of township seven (7) north of range eight (8) west to have and to hold as long as the same is used for church purposes and then to revert to the owners of the described tract.

In witness thereof our hands and seals:

Francis Shepherd (Seal)
Sarah Shepherd (Seal)
William Tarwater (Seal)
Fredrick Tarwater (Seal)

Witnessed before me this 17th day of June, 1882, Charles B. Robbins, a Notary Public in and for said county. Charles B.Robbins (Seal)

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The fourth Shiloh meeting house:

With all the misfortune and grievances that could befall a congregation, the steadfastness of the Christian people of Shiloh was proven by their determination to continue in the work of their Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

January 1, 1883, a group of Christian members of Shiloh assembled to discuss the matter of another church house. Some members were disheartened and wished not to continue the congregation. To their notion, Brother William Miller gave an answer. "Brethren, we shall have a new meeting house, a place to worship, if only two or three of us stay together". Seeing this determination, the members began to plan for a new house.

Trustees were elected for the new Shiloh Church, namely; Aaron Holder, James R.Robertson,Eli Woodward, John J.Wolfe, John K. Pirtle and William Miller. Also a building committee of ten men was chosen. Serving on this committee were John K. Pirtle, Isaac B. Moore, James E. Driver, Eli Woodward, Francis Shepherd, Aaron Holder, John E. Driver, John Wolf, J. R. Robertson, and William Miller. Appointed Building Fund Treasurer -Wm. Miller.

Four hundred dollars was borrowed from William Shafer on a prommisary note, this note was signed by the several members of the building committee. Also, the building committee made the first building fund donation.

January 1st, 1883,
Nine months after date, we or either of us, promise to pay to William Shafer four hundred dollars for value received, without any relief from valuation or appraisement laws, with eight per cent interest from date until paid and attorneys' fees.

Witness the following signatures - Francis M. Shepard
Aaron Holder
John K. Pirtle
James E. Driver
John Wolfe
John E. Driver
J. R. Robertson
Eli Woodward
William Miller.

(This note, a family heirloom, is in my possession. G.H.M.)

The first donation to the church building fund was made by the members of the building committee.

Driver, J. E.	$33.30	Holder, Aaron	12.40
Robertson, J. R.	8.60	Miller, Wm.	10.85
Shepherd, F. M.	38.75	Driver, Jas.	13.60
Woodward, Eli	11.70	Moore, Isaac	14.12
Pirtle, J. K.	15.60	Wolf, John	20.80
		Total	$179.72

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In the meantime while plans were being made for a new meeting house, the congregation continued with their church services in the Pirtle school house. This school house was located about three-quarters of a mile southwest of the present church building. It was of brick construction and was build about 1869.

On April 15, 1883, three separate subscriptions were carried for the building fund.

Whereas: We the members and citizens of the Shiloh Church do hereby agree to pay the amount annexed to our several names to the treasurer of the building committee of said church on or before the fifteenth day of September, 1883, said money to be applied to liquidate the debt of said church.

Subscription #1:

John Driver	- $5.00	John S. Woodward	- 2.50
Wm. H. Wilson	- 1.00	R. P. Chambers	- 5.00
B. S. Harris	- 1.00	Wiley Miller	- .05
Thos. Holder	- 10.00	Thomas Pirtle	- 1.00
D. S. Neal	- 5.00	G. W. Hale	- 1.00
John Walters	- 1.00	N.S. Jackson	- .50
S. H. Robbins	- 1.00	Doc. Murphy	- .25
F. W. Walters	- 5.00	Nancy A. Cox	- 1.00
George T. Wilson	- 1.00	J. T. Howard	- 5.00
Marion F. Willis	- .50		

Subscription #2:

Mrs. John Maxwell	.25	Mrs. Robertson	- .25
Mrs. Moore	- .05	Jacob Miller	- .05
Sister H. Driver	- .50	Will H. Sherman	- .50
Ina Buck	- .50	Septem Woodward	- 5.00
Marshall Maxwell	- .25	William Robbins	- 1.00
John W. Willis	- .50		

After these subscriptions, building plans were made and material estimates were received for a brick building. In addition, a new building site was purchased from Francis M. Shepherd. This is the same ground on which the present Shiloh church house stands.

Material estimates:

Brick	-$250.75
Planing mill lumber	- 216.68
J. E. Hoke, Hardware	- 54.00
J. Davis and Sons, Hardware	- 108.90
Brick Laying	- 130.00
Total	760.33
Material less brick	379.58
Money borrowed on note	400.00
Balance	20.42

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Subscription #3:

Sampson Walters	- 1.00	F. M. Shepherd	- 25.00
James Bunch	- 1.00	J. O. Walters	- 5.00
P. Pirtle	- 2.00	Thos. Mason	- 1.00
Thos. Wolfe	- 1.00	Wm. B.-	- 1.00
Carroll Booker	- 2.00	William Miller	- 5.00
Eli Woodward	-20.00	Henry Davis	- 1.00
J. M. Ferree	- 1.00	William Shipman	- 1.00
Jas. E. Driver	-25.00	Robert Shipman	- 1.00
Marion Story	- 1.00	William Nash	- 1.00
Frank Ballance	- 1.00	John Evans	- 1.00
John Wolfe	-20000		

The new building site:

May 2, 1883-

F. M. Shepherd and wife to Shiloh Church-

This indenture witnesseth, that Francis M. Shepherd and wife, Sarah Shepherd, of Sullivan County in the state of Indiana, convey and warrant to Aaron Holder, Eli Woodward, John K. Pirtle, John J. Wolfe, Robert Robertson and William Miller, trustees of Shiloh Christian Church and their successors in office of said County in the state of Indiana, for the sum of thirty dollars, the following real estate in Sullivan County in the state of Indiana.

To Wit: A part of the southeast quarter of the north west quarter of section twenty-two (22), township seven (7), north range eight (8) west and described as follows; beginning at the southeast corner of said quarter and running thence 24 rods; thence west 6 rods; thence south 24 rods; thence east 6 rods to the place of beginning, to have and to hold the above described land so long as the same is used for church purposes. When ceased to be used for Church purposes, to revert to the grantor, his heirs or assigns or to the owner of the above described tract. The grantor herein reserves all rails on the above described land.

In witness thereof the said Francis M. Shepherd and Sarah Shepherd have hereunto set their hands and seals this 9th day of April A.D., 1883.

F. M. Shepherd (Seal)
Sarah Shepherd (Seal)

State of Indiana, Sullivan County, ss

Acknowledged before me this 9th. day of April, 1883. Witnessmy hand and official seal.

Josh Beasly R.S.C.

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Final subscription and dedication donations:

Francis Walters	- 10.00	John K. Pirtle	- 20.00
Luther Woodward	- 2.50	John Driver	- 5.00
Coatney Walters	- 15.00	John Parks	- 4.00
Tom Smith	- 3.00	John J. Wolfe	- 20.00
Wash Willis	- 2.50	Charley Davis	- 2.00
James E. Driver	- 35.00	Jerome Shepherd	- .35
James D. Pirtle	- 5.00	Frank Shepherd	- 86.17

Dedication collection January 12, 1884:

Dedication collection	- 139.10
Bank Deposits	- 70.00
Money on dividends	- 273.88

Total of all deposits and pledges - $1,046.87

Final settlement made by William Miller and Robert Robertson -

Insurance money -	80.00
James R. Robertson-	5.00
William Miller -	10.30

Total of all cash received $1,142.17

Disbursements and building expenses:

John Davis and Sons	- 108.95
Plastering	- 47.40
J. F. Hoke and Co.	- 216.68
J. F. Hoke and Sons	- 54.00
William P. Chaver	- 125.75
Insurance - Stewart	- 27.00
Crowder and Reel	- 28.00
James E. Driver	- 4.10
James E. Driver - paint and broom	- .55
Albert Smith - painting	- 4.00
½ gallon oil	- .35
Stove polish	- .10
John K. Pirtle- paint	- .25
Leonard Shake - filling lamps	- .35
Crowder and Reel	- 6.00
Crawley and McKinley	- 2.00
A. B. Stansil	- 92.00
Aaron Holder - window fasteners	- .65
October 1, 1883, paid Shafer note-	419.00
Driver and Woodward	- 3.70
Correcting mistake-Wm. Miller	- 1.30
Total building expense	$1,142.13

Final expenses settled Jan. 12, 1884 $1,142.13

Balance, Jan. 12, 1884 .04
Wm. Miller, Treasurer

- SHILOH CHURCH OF CHRIST -

From 1884, until 1921, the Shiloh brick meeting house stood as a symbol of faith and spiritual light to its surrounding community. The congregation under the elderships of John K. Pirtle, Eli Woodward, James E. Driver, Aaron Holder, William F. Pirtle, John E. Driver and Thomas V. Robertson, prospered and grew. Many spirited protracted meetings were held, with often times a greater attendance than the building seating capacity. Minister E. G. Denny of Farmersburg, Indiana, was the principal gospel speaker at many of these meetings.

Other ministers of the gospel who labored with the Shiloh congregation were: Brother Cauble, Anderson Ward, Alex Engle, Benjamin Sherman, J. C. Stone, John Boles, Thomas Wolfe, Henry C. Shaw, Brother Pitman, E. C. Richardson, Brother Quillen, J. B. Brown, Brother Mc Bride, Brother McKenny, William Dugger, E. B. Stivers, Joseph Miller, Frank Stivers and Dave Squires.

Some of the families represented in the Shiloh Assembly were: the Drivers, Shepherds, Walters, Bookers, Robertsons, Pirtles, Stewards, Claytons, Holders, Bedwells, Millers, Figgs, Storys, Edds, Woodwards, Sligars, Isbells, Lunds, Herndons, Overtons, Bennetts, Craggs, Shipmans, Alumbaughs, Rooksberrys, Allsmans, Willises, Souths, Moores, Chambers, Gadburrys, Pooles, Harrises, Wellingtons, Burdges, Lassek, Crosses and others.

The Shiloh congregation has been noted for their beautiful and expert singing. A few of the song leaders and singing teachers were Carroll and Jacob Booker, John K. Pirtle, Aaron Holder, William F. and James Pirtle. Others who taught singing at different times were: Brother Edwards. Brother Franning, Elias Brewer, Stanford Chambers and William Brewer.

Some of the beautiful old songs sung at Shiloh were: Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me, I Have Heard of that Land, The Home of the Blessed, When Jesus Comes to Reward, Blessed Assurance, In the Morning of Joy, Gathering Home, How Firm a Foundation, My Faith Looks Up to Thee, and many others.

In 1893, the Shiloh congregation sponsored a series of gospel meetings at the Shield School house, two and a quarter miles west of Linton, Indiana, with E. G. Denny preaching. Many people yielded to the will of the Saviour and were baptized. The fruits of this meeting ripened later when Brother Stanford Chambers was instrumental in establishing the congregations of Atlas, Ellis, and Linton.

As is true with all things earthly, age and the elements took their toll. The Shiloh brick building after being struck by lightning and having its west wall damaged by a wind storm began to deteriorate and show signs of weakness. On August 31, 1921, at a called business meeting of the several members of the congregation, the decision was made to replace the old brick meeting house with a new frame building.

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The fifth Shiloh Meeting House:

With the decision to build a new meeting house, a building committee was chosen, who in turn drew up the building plans and let the building contract to J. L. Pirtle, a building contractor of Sullivan, Indiana.

(Records in possession of Ralph Robertson, of Linton, Indiana.)

September 15th, 1921, we the building committee of Shiloh met, organized and elected the following officers:

Linder Pirtle - President
James E. Robertson - Secretary and Treasurer

We, the undersigned committee of said church, let the contract of building and completing according to plans and specifications, to Louis Pirtle, for the sum of $2,300.00, building to be the same size as old with vestibule 8 x 16 ft.

Benjamine Figg
Henry Miller
John Booker
James Robertson
Linder Pirtle

Sullivan, Indiana
September 16, 1921

Specifications for Church Building at Shiloh

1. Foundation to be built 2½ inches high above grade line, to be built of brick laid in cement and sand mortar, brick in old building to be used. Foundation to include one center wall of brick.

2. Two flues 2 by 2 brick built from the ground and to be topped out above roof with Ploomfield wire cut, brick laid in colored mortar, flues to be built to a level with comb of house.

3. Contractor is to use all old floor joist, also all other old materials that are fit to be used, The studding is to be 2 by 4 pine 16 inches on center. The frame is to be properly braced at corners and at center of walls. The building is to be 12 foot walls with self supporting roof and arch ceiling. Rafters to be 2 by 6 pine, supports to be 2 by 4 pine. Doors and windows to be as shown on plan. The side walls to be lined with Pryket Lath. Floors to be layed with 3¼ inch face. B. Flat grain pine flooring will be nailed at each bearing. Floor is to have an elevation of 2 feet. Plastering to be three-coat work with white coat finish and to be troweled to a smooth surface. The entire building to be wan's coated 36 inches high with B. pine ceiling finished with wan's coat cap. Inside casing to be B. pine back band style.

All windows to be hung on weight and cord and fitted with locks and lifts.
Weatherboarding to be 5 inch clear red cedar. Roof to be one quarter pitch with 30 inch projection and finished bungalow style. There is to be five brackets in each gable, brackets to be 5 by 5, 30 inches long. Fly rafters to be 2 by 8, projection of roof to be sheeted with No. one car siding, roof to be covered with Reynalds Slate surface Asphalt Strip Shingles layed four inches to the weather. Painting to be 3 coats outside and inside, color of paint to be selected by building committee.
All dimensions as shown on plans to be strictly followed.
Contract price on said building to be $2300.00.
Contractor to furnish all materials except as stated above.

Ben Figg

E. L. Pirtle

Henry Miller

Louis Pirtle
Contractor

John T. Booker

James E. Robertson, Treas.
Building Committee

Building Expenses:

Louis Pirtle	$1,000.00
Louis Pirtle	1,000.00
Louis Pirtle	300.00
Paint and Varnish	29.10
Carpet for aisles	25.00
Rug for Preacher's stand	8.00
Lamps	50.00
Cement for front	9.00
Ladder that was broken	2.00
Window shades	6.00
Total	$2,429.10
Money received	2,481.17
Money on hand	52.07

Money sent to Ellis Church of Christ 52.07

Money for the new church building was donated by the several members and friends of the Shiloh congregation. Twenty dollars was received from the Ellis congregation. All the building expenses were met within the year.

Members who helped to dismantle the old brick building and prepare the brick and lumber for sale were: Tom Robertson, John Booker, Bill Figg, James Pirtle, Earnest Robertson, Myrtle Neal, Noah Neal, James Robertson, Ham. Robertson, Llewellyn Behm, Edna Robertson, Effie Robertson, Mary Robertson, Ruth Robertson, C. L. Walters, Grace Robertson, Belle Booker, Ina Walters, Hercules Clayton, Blanche Walters, Clara Booker, Mother Robertson, Will Clayton, Etta Clayton, Clara Shepherd, Vicie Pirtle, F. W. Walters, Albert Bennett, Sarah Walters, Hat. Driver, Linder Pirtle, Oda Booker, Ola Edds, James Edds, Roy Figg, Carl Edds, Pearl Edds, Loren Robertson, Cloa Blake and Gertrude Morford.

The new Shiloh meeting house was dedicated November 27th, 1921. Brother Dave Squires delivered the dedication sermon. Many neighboring congregations were represented and a large number of ministers attended the dedication.

Elders who have labored in the new church building are: John Driver, William F. Pirtle, Virgil Good, Lewis Walters, and Edward Shepherd. Elders of the Shiloh congregation in 1960 are: Thomas Robertson, Glen Dunford, William R. Clayton, Clovis Booker and Ralph Robertson.

Ministers preaching at Shiloh in 1960 are Paul and Max Wright. Other ministers who have preached at various times are: J. C. Roadie, Horace Hines, W. W. Adamson, W. H. Perlee, J. R. Clark, Frank Stivers, Frank Mullins, Rosco Higgins, Maurice Climore, M. F. Gottrel, Nyles Royce, David O. Squires, Omer Porter, C. A. Peck, Vorice Carpenter, Russel Gambill and J. S. Johns.

From 1911 to 1960, three hundred and four members have been identified with the Shiloh congregation. Surely God has blessed this church assembly. May it ever endure for those who love their Lord and Master.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

State of Indiana.
Sullivan County

To all whom it may Concern Know ye that the bearer of these lines Brother George W. Pirtle is a member of the Christian Church at Shiloh in said County in full fellowship and good standing and is an Ordained Minister of the Gospel and being desirous to travel and spend a considerable portion of his time in Evangelizing - We take pleasure in Commending him to the Christian Brotherhood and to the world generally as a young Man of good Morals - and General Piety and one who for his Opportunities we deem talented in rather an Extraordinary degree as an Evangelist and Teacher or Proclaimer of the Ancient Gospel, as such therefore Brethren receive him to the Glory of God

done by order of the Church above named When assembled for worship Lordsday June 19th 1859 - and signed by their official authority

James Shipman
Thomas Wolf
Levi Woodward
} Elders.

Philip Pirtle
James Smith
} deacons.

Ernest Edds was raised by his grandmother, Olie Edds. She in turn was raised by her grandmother, Ruth Ellen Shipman Pirtle Woodward . Ernest has some old papers from the Eli Woodward home. W Pirtle was Ruthe Ellen Shipman's first husband and Gra nd- of Olie Miller Edds. Mary Alice Pirtle Miller and her husband led young and Olie grew up in the Woodward home along with odward Poole Anderson and the many other children of this marriage for both Eli and Ruth. Among the papers is this cation of the fact that George W Pirtle was qualified minister. 1860 census he is listed as a minister.

Ralph M. Woodward